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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

G.O. Ms. No. 4839. Dated the 25th September 1948.

Read:-

From the Fodder and Grazing Committee, No. F.&.G.184 dated 5.2.1947.
From the Director of Animal Husbandry, No. 3286/ii/47 dated 1.6.1947.
From the Director of Agriculture, No. 714/47 dated 4.7.47.
From the Chief Conservator of Forests, No. 8107/47-C.1. dated 9.8.1947.
From the Board of Revenue, No. B. 3887/47-11 dated 18th May 1948.

Order:-

In January 1947, the Fodder & Grazing Committee examined the possibility of utilising waste lands in the Province for growing fodder with reference to the report of the Special Officer on waste and fallow lands. The Committee considered that the possibilities of growing pasture and fodder crops on private public waste lands were limited. But it was of the opinion that attention might be paid to the question of growing fodder trees on Poramboke and waste lands at the disposal of the Government. It accordingly suggested to the Government that suitable instructions might be issued to Collectors in the matter. The Board of Revenue which was asked to submit necessary proposals has made the following recommendations in consultation with the Director of Agriculture, Director of Animal Husbandry and the Chief Conservator of Forests.

(1) Poramboke and waste lands at the disposal of the Government may be granted to ryots for growing fodder trees subject to certain conditions. The existing B.S.O. 15-A may be suitably amplified and used for the purpose.

(2) The Chief Conservator of Forests has suggested that village Co-operative Societies may be started to grow fuel and fodder trees in Government lands; but the Board of Revenue does not support the proposal as it involves large financial commitment to Government and required a large supervisory staff.

(3) The Agricultural and Forests Departments may distribute seeds free to the ryots and instruct them in the technique of planting.

(4) The Forest Panchayats should be encouraged to grow fodder trees as they are in a specially advantageous position.

(5) The propaganda for growing fodder trees should be intensified by the Officers of the Agricultural and Revenue Departments.

(6) A law should be enacted empowering the Collectors, District and Agricultural Officers, and other officers duly authorised to call upon ryots to grow trees either for shade, fuel, leaf or manure in their own lands or in Government or local board or other public lands within 50 feet of their own lands.

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2./Item (1) in para 1 above:- Orders will be issued separately in the Revenue Department.

(b). Item (2) in para 1 above:- The Government consider that the proposal of the Chief Conservator of Forests may be tried in the Selected firkas" in the first instance. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies is requested to formulate and submit to Government necessary

proposals.

(c) Item (3) in para 1 above:- The Director of Agriculture and the Chief Conservator of Forests are permitted to incur during 1948-49 an expenditure of Rs. 100/- each for the free distribution of seeds and cuttings of fodder trees to ryots in each of the /and districts except Madras/the Nilgiris. The expenditure should be debited to "40-Agriculture-d-1(i)-6-Scheme for the purchase and free distribution of manures and seeds to the poor and deserving ryots". The Director of Agriculture is requested to prepare a leaflet containing instructions for the cultivation of fodder trees together with a list of such trees with their local vernacular names for distribution to ryots.

(d) Item (4) of para 1 above:- The Board of Revenue is requested to issue suitable instructions to all forest panchayats.

(e) Item (5) of para 1 above:- The Board of Revenue and the Director of Agriculture are requested to instruct their officers to intensify their propaganda for the cultivation of fodder trees.

(f) Item (6) of para 1 above:- This question is being considered in the Revenue Department along with the proposed comprehensive Agricultural Bill on the lines of the British Agricultural Bill.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor).

W.R.S. Sattianathan,
Secretary to Government.

To

The Director of Agriculture, Madras.
The Board of Revenue, Madras.
The Fodder and Grazing Committee.
The Director of Animal Husbandry.
The Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras.
The Registrar of Co-operative Societies.
The Accountant-General through the Finance.
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